

A Letter of LOVE and THANKS!

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FALL 2018

RISE, IN LOVE, AFTER LOSS...

The summer of 2018 brought much love through great sadness and painful loss. Rise in Love is more than a charity, more than a group of people doing good in the community, we are a family. Together we share each others' burdens and feel each others' pain. The organization has been hit hard these last few months with the passing of family members and those close to us including founding board members, Peggy Primosch. I have been at a loss for words to express the deep and painful sadness endured by all this summer.

God has blessed my life with family, friends, acquaintances, and numerous encounters with amazing people, but presently I am focused on one very special gift - the gift of sisters. I have been blessed with two best friends in my life that I proudly call my sisters. Our lives have grown together through love, laughter, and tears on a single foundation of faith. The three of us have shared and experienced life together fully immersed in Christ, dedicated to each other and the care of His people. On July 13th, our dear sister Peggy was called home to be with Jesus.

Peggy Primosch, a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, founding board member, officer and so much more left her mark on the hearts of all those she touched. For me, that mark is deep and will forever be part of my heart. In 2014 I had a thought in my head and a passion in my heart to start a charity that would change lives in a very REAL way but it was just that, a

thought, until I called Peggy. The call was short and simple, “I want to start a charity” to which she replied, “OK, what do you want me to do?” From that short chat a dream was put to paper and Rise in Love was born. Peggy gave me the courage to take this on and the strength to see it through. She was and still is the strength behind all that I do. Peggy pushed me to rise up and do something I never thought possible. Peggy made my dream of Rise in Love come true.



Margaret “Peggy” Primosch
July 22, 1952 - July 13, 2018

It seems strange to be approaching our 3 year anniversary and celebrating our accomplishments without our dear Peggy. But looking around I see her - Peggy's love and faith in all that we have done and continue to do. We have impacted the lives of so many people in a lasting and faithful way. We have accomplished our goals and we are encouraged by all the love that our supporters and clients have shown us. There is much work to do and the ripple affect that Peggy made in the pond of Rise in Love is far reaching and will continue to reach those that need our help for years to come.

Our loss, is great but together we rise, together we stand, and together we share the love that has and will continue to change and shape the lives of those in need and all those we encounter.

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”
Romans 5:3-4

~Barbara Sternberg, President & Founding Board Member

MONEY WELL SPENT!

All of us at Rise in Love are dedicated to finding real solutions to very real problems. The FIT Program (Families in Transition) is more than food or utility bill assistance. When a client enters FIT they go through quite a few steps from application to program approval. After a client agrees to the customized plan put in place for them, they are accepted into the program. Our FIT families work with their Rise in Love advocate regularly to ensure they are progressing and adhering to the plan. We set regular assessments of our FIT families so all interim goals are met and the client is moved to independence. We are very proud of the work our clients are doing and the success they are achieving. Here are testimonies from a couple FIT families currently in the program. They are making progress but the journey isn't over - it will be long but it will be a path well traveled when it's over.

"I don't know how to thank you, what can I ever do to repay you? There are no words to express my appreciation for what you have done for me and my kids. The Lord heard me crying for help and answered my prayers." Kamala P.

A single mother of 4 called us after meeting a man at church who gave her our number. Her electricity had been off for over a week and they had no food. Emergency assistance kicked in and the lights were back on the next day and food arrived. Yes, we move quickly! Kamala is now in the FIT program and we are working with her to achieve more substantial employment, education/training, and a safer home.

"I have been at a loss for words since the day we met. I don't feel worthy of the support and love you have shown me and my family. Thank you is not enough and I will have to find a way to explain how you changed our faith, our lives, and what we dream about. You took away the fear and gave us hope." Larry A.

This family came to us after a long and painful search for help. Larry and his wife are caring for a very sick adult child and their grandson after the loss of their daughter over a year ago. Two of their 3 children were struck with Sickle Cell Anemia and the years have taken a great toll on a once vibrant family. We have

been assisting them with utility bills, food, and transportation. We will continue working with the family to bring them to safer living conditions and stabilize their means of supporting themselves with employment help and education.

WHAT OUR FIT FAMILIES NEED

- 2 twin beds with mattress and box spring
- 3 full/double beds with mattress and box spring
- bed linens, fitted and top sheets with pillow cases for twin, full/double, and queen size beds
- 7 bedroom dressers or chest of drawers
- 6 night stands with bedroom lamps
- 2 couches
- 4 end tables
- 6 table lamps
- 1 dining set for 6
- 2 refrigerators and 2 stoves
- 4 sets of pots and pans
- pot holders, dish towels, and kitchen wash cloths
- bathroom linens: bath towels, hand towels, and wash cloths
- gift cards to SAVE A LOT, WALMART, and UBER in \$50 increments
- cash donations. 100% of your cash donation is used to support these families as they move through the program. Rise in Love does not give money to clients. We directly pay bills to the companies and provide gift cards for food and/or needed items.

If you have items you would like to donate please call (440) 457-7209 or email info@riseinlovecenter.org to make drop/pickup arrangements.

Other Ways You Can Help Change a Life

- Like our FaceBook page, invite friends, and share
- Volunteer at any of our events
- Use our charity link when you shop Amazon <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-5248113>
- Give your un-needed items to donatestuff.com

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or donate on-line at riseinlovecenter.org

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A BLESSED DAY IN AUGUST

Since May of 2017 our **LOVE IN A BOX** program has grown significantly and has brought us closer to the people and communities we serve. Saturday, August 18th was another amazing day as we handed out over 500 boxes of nonperishable food and home supplies to families and individuals in need.



The day started out with a down pour of rain but it didn't last. The clouds cleared and the sun was bright and hot! The steamy heat and humidity didn't stop the smiles, hugs, tears, and laughter. We ran into old friends and made quite a few new ones.



What is **LOVE IN A BOX**? A program specifically designed to serve families and individuals who regularly experience challenges in meeting the food and home supply necessities needed for daily life. Recipients receive a box of nonperishable food containing 20-22 various items, complementing the fresh food distributed by All Saints Episcopal Church.

They also receive a box of home supplies (*items not purchasable with SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*) including toilet paper, laundry detergent, paper towels, cleaning products, and more. Individuals and families struggling with underemployment, seniors on low and/or fixed incomes, and those experiencing an unexpected financial crisis find relief through this program.

LOVE IN A BOX WANTS TO GROW! You can help this vital program expand it's reach by making a financial contribution today. **100% of every dollar we receive goes directly to the purchase of the items put in these boxes.** How is this possible? We have been blessed with all the needed materials to make **LOVE IN A BOX** possible through the generous support of **HERD Manufacturing** in Cleveland. They provide the storage space, the boxes and tape for packing, the



truck to transport, tables, tents, and more! The only thing we pay for is the food and home supplies that fill the boxes!

The future of **LOVE IN A BOX** is bright. We will be working to grow the program and hope to add meat and dairy to our distributions by the spring of 2019. We are getting closer to purchasing the freezers needed to bring these perishable items to the people who need them. Only \$1,700.00 to go and we will have our freezers! With your support we know this will happen.

WON'T YOU GIVE A STEW?



Rise in Love is collecting **38oz cans of Dinty Moore Beef Stew** for our November 18th distribution. **The Living Tree Center for Healing - 11443 State Road in North Royalton** is a drop site for this item. Drop your donation at the Living Tree and receive a discount card for select services as our thank you for your efforts! **We need 500 cans of stew** for the fall and winter **LOVE IN BOX** program. Please know that the size is really important - the cans must be 38oz to ensure consistency in our boxes.

Can't make it to the Living Tree? Purchase the stew at Amazon.com using our smile link (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-5248113>) and have it directly shipped to the Living Tree. Be sure you include your name in the package so we know who to thank!

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Rise in Love's Birthday is October 28th
A loving and joyful 3 Years old!
- The organization is made up entirely of volunteers. No payroll here!
- 100% isn't just something we like to say - it's TRUE! Every penny donated goes directly to our programming. HOW? Because of the generous support of companies like HERD Manufacturing, InFrame, Jak Prints, and KMIT. These companies provide our needed operating materials right down to the stamps used to mail this newsletter.
- Since getting out in the public in May of 2017, Love in a Box has served over 2,000 people.
- FIT - Families in Transition began in April of this year and in five short months the program has helped over 30 families. We have stopped evictions, returned utility services to households, prevented utility shut offs, put people back to work or to better employment, sent individuals back to school, provided furniture and/or appliances, and most importantly we brought hope back to all that we serve.

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